

CH-761

Circa 1900

DeLozier Property

Pisgah vic.

Private

The c. 1900 De Lozier Property is a two-story frame vernacular Victorian dwelling located along Bicknell Road in the western section of Charles County. The dwelling has an overall L-plan with a c. 1930 two-story service wing addition on the rear. Erected in the early 20th century, the property was owned by the De Lozier family since the third quarter of the 19th century. In 1915, three acres were sold to Cornell Wedding and five years later it was acquired by the Scott family. The De Lozier Property is one of a number of historic resources along Bicknell Road that were constructed largely as a result of the establishment of the Naval Proving Ground in Indian Head. As a result of extensive renovations to both the interior and exterior, little of the original material, finish or design are readily apparent on the building today.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic De Lozier Property

other

2. Location

street and number	5985 Bicknell Road	not for publication
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city, town	Indian Head	X	vicinity
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county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles W. Dudley

street and number 5985 Bicknell Road telephone 301-743-3583

city, town	Indian Head	state	MD	zip code	20640
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 30 p. 178

city, town	La Plata	liber	1603	folio	533
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
X building(s)	X private	___ commerce/trade	1 ___ buildings
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	___ ___ sites
___ site		X domestic	___ ___ structures
___ object		___ education	___ ___ objects
		___ funerary	1 ___ Total
		___ government	
		___ health care	
		___ industry	
		___ landscape	
		___ recreation/culture	
		___ religion	
		___ social	
		___ transportation	
		___ work in progress	
		___ unknown	
		___ vacant/not in use	
		___ other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The c. 1900 De Lozier Property is a two-story frame Victorian vernacular dwelling located along Bicknell Road in the western section of Charles County. The dwelling has an overall L-plan with a c. 1930 two-story service wing addition on the rear. The dwelling rests on a stone pier and hewn log foundation. The front elevation faces north and includes a front gable principal elevation that has two windows on the second floor above a doorway and window on the first story. The recessed wing extends eastward, with a single second story and first floor window. The front elevation is sheltered by a wrap-around porch with turned wooden posts. The east elevation includes a single second story window under the gable and eave. The first floor includes an addition enclosed under the porch roof. As a result of extensive renovations to both the interior and exterior, little of the original material, finish or design are readily apparent on the building today.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates circa 1900

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates Circa 1900

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Erected in the early 20th century, the property was owned by the De Lozier family since the third quarter of the 19th century. In 1915, three acres were sold to Cornell Wedding. Five years later it was acquired by the Scott family. The De Lozier Property is one of a number of historic resources along Bicknell Road that were constructed largely as a result of the establishment of the Naval Proving Ground in Indian Head. (1)

The single most important and long-lasting industry established in Charles County during this period was the naval ordnance manufacturing plant built at Mattawoman Neck in 1890. The Naval Proving Ground was moved to Mattawoman Neck when transportation from the former Proving Ground at Annapolis to the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, DC became too dangerous. Nearly nine hundred acres of land was purchased for the proving ground, and later supplemented by an additional ten thousand acres on Stump Neck. In 1898, the Naval Powder Factory was constructed, and the first powder was manufactured in 1900. During World War I, transportation to and from the factory was improved by the construction of a railroad spur from White Plains in 1917. Although the Proving Ground was moved to Dahlgren, Virginia in 1921, the plant continued to operate and began tests that would lead to the development of jet propulsion and rocket testing at the naval station. From the beginning, the plant and proving ground provided an important and stable center of employment for the county. During the war years, the plant expanded, requiring more laborers. The town of Indian Head grew up just opposite the gates of the installation. The Navy contributed to the housing and education of its employees and their children by building housing and a school at Indian Head.

Marbury was connected to the Proving Ground at first by a locally built narrow footbridge and after 1917 by a unique hand drawn footbridge that allowed coal barges to proceed upstream in Mattawoman Creek. Congressman Sydney Mudd was the driving force behind the federally funded footbridge construction stating that, "The purposes of this bridge is to afford direct and convenient communication to the government employees, for nearly 50% of them have homes on the Marbury side of the Creek." Further evidence of the impact of the proving ground on the development of the surrounding area can be found in census records from 1890-1920 which indicate the election district of Pomonkey, including Indian Head and Marbury, the only area of growth in Charles County during the period. Between 1910 and 1920 the population nearly doubled from 1589 to 3,124. In 1920, a new census district was established in Marbury having a population of 1,392. (2)

Endnotes

(1) Charles County Land Records GAH 4/164; 15/346; 21/257; 29/60; 36/348.

(2) Carlisle, Rodney P. Powder and Propellants : Energetic Materials at Indian Head, Maryland, 1890-1990. Washington, D.C. : U.S. Navy, 1990

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3

Acreage of historical setting 3

Quadrangle name Indian Head

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Charles County Property Tax Map 30, Parcel 178.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning

date 2/4/2003

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city or town La Plata

state MD zip code 20646

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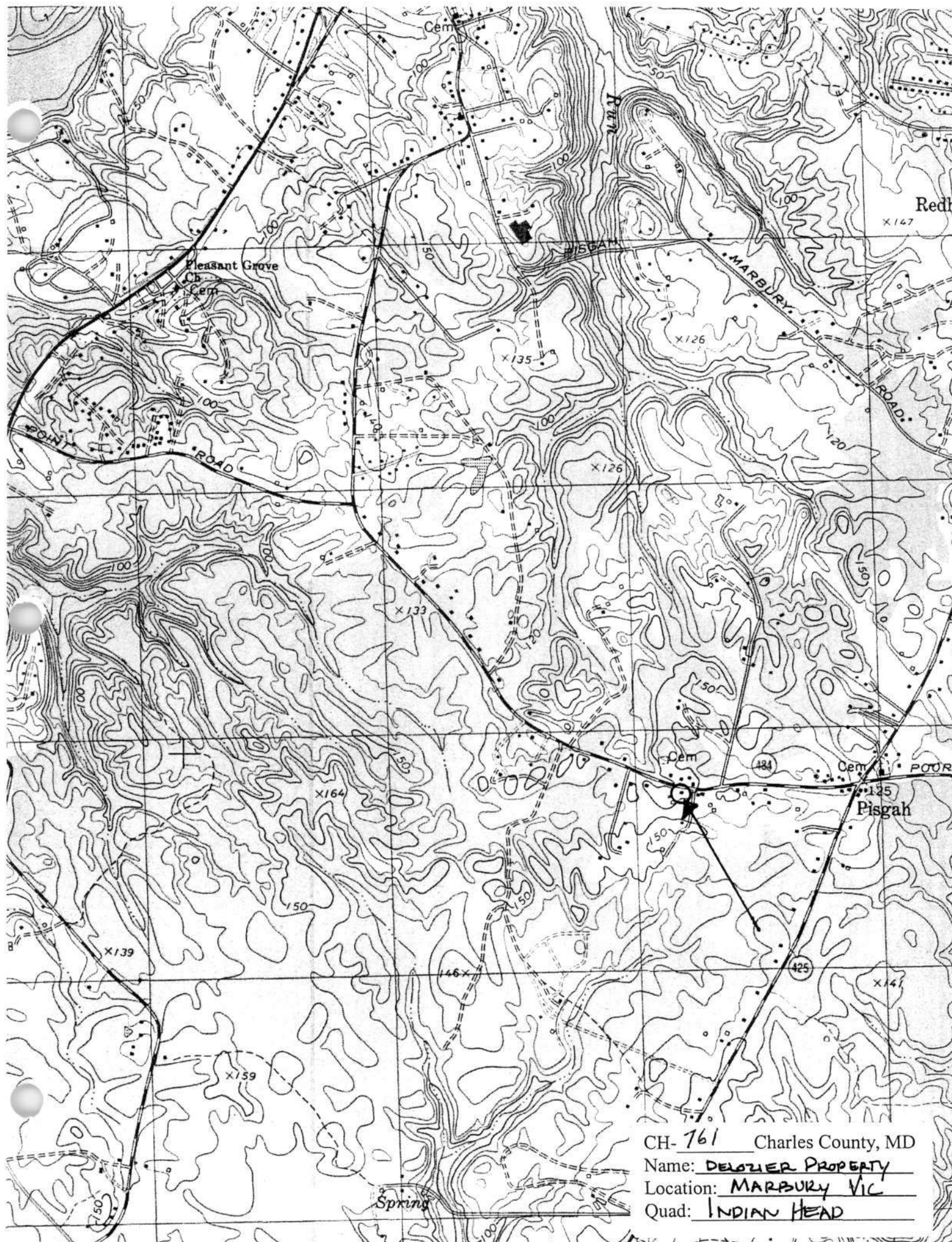
name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

Chain of Title:

- 1991 By and between Charles Wayne Dudley and Brenda Lee Dudley to Charles Wayne Dudley. Containing 3 acres of land. Buildings and improvements.
1603/533
- 1983 Francis E. Scott, Personal Representative of the Estate of Laura A. Scott to Charles Wayne Dudley and Brenda Lee Dudley, his wife, as tenants by the entireties. 3 acres of land. Buildings and improvements.
922/97
- 1945 Mathilde Owen to John S. Scott and Laura Augusta Scott. 3 acres. Buildings and improvements.
82/381
(Mortgage same date John S. Scott and Laura Augusta Scott to Mathilde Owen 82/380)
- 1920 Cornell Wedding and Irene Wedding, his wife, parties of the first part; Mary A. Posey and William W. Wedding, parties of the second part. By judgement Mary A. Posey and William W. Wedding joined Cornell Wedding as grantors. Sold to John S. Scott. 3 acres. Buildings and improvements.
36/348
- 1915 Philemon M. Delozier and Dorris N. Delozier, his wife to Cornell Wedding. 3 acres. Buildings and improvements.
29/60
- 1910 George B. Delozier and Mary L. Delozier to Philemon M. Delozier. 3 acres.
21/257
- 1904 Henry Delozier and Caroline Delozier, his wife, to George B. Delozier
15/346
- 1874 George E. Delozier to Henry Delozier.
GAH 4/165



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Name: DELOZER PROPERTY
Location: MARBURY VIC
Quad: INDIAN HEAD



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C. HARDY

MILP

NORTH ELEVATION

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CHARLES O, MD

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C. HARDY

MUMP ^{EAST} ELEVATION

~~NORTH~~

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